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Robert E. Moriarty, P.E., Director  
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Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Protectiveness Determination on the Former  
Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) Draft Five-Year Review Report

Dear Mr. Moriarty,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received the draft Plattsburgh AFB Five-Year Review Report (FYRR) on November 18, 2014. The statutory deadline for submitting the final FYRR is November 19, 2014. This submittal date did not provide adequate time for EPA to review and comment on the FYRR, or for the Air Force to make the necessary revisions. The statutory deadline for submitting the next FYRR will be November 19, 2019.

Since the remaining time to the statutory deadline was inadequate to finalize the report as detailed above, EPA is required to make an independent protectiveness determination based on the most current document provided by the Air Force. However, because the Air Force did not provide adequate time for EPA to review the draft FYRR, EPA's protectiveness determination is based on EPA's knowledge of the site and on EPA review of documents submitted by the Air Force since the previous five-year review was conducted (November 2009). Nevertheless, this is to notify you that EPA concurs with the protectiveness determinations made in the draft report. Our review was conducted in accordance with EPA's "Comprehensive Five-Year Guidance" (OSWER Directive No. 9355.7-03B-P). Pursuant to 40 CFR 300.430(t)(4)(ii), reviews, no less often than every five years, are required of any remedial actions that have been selected in Records of Decisions which do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The remedies for Sites LF-021 (OU 10), LF-022 (OU 3), LF-023 (Source OU 1 and Groundwater, Surface Water and Sediment OU 2), LF-024 (OU 8), FT-002 Source OU (OU 5), FT-002 / Industrial Area Groundwater OU (OU 6), SS-041 (OU 20), SS-013 (OU 19), SS-018/SS-028 (OU 11), SS-005 (OU 12), and SS-006 (OU 13) are considered protective at this time.

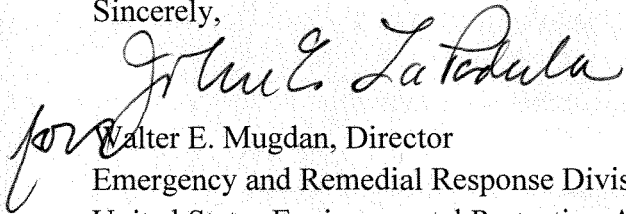
Please be aware that additional comments will be submitted on this FYRR in the near future. These comments will be more detailed in nature and should not impact the protectiveness of the remedies in place and can be coordinated between the respective project managers at EPA and Plattsburgh AFB.

EPA cannot grant extensions to statutory deadlines. Therefore, EPA will be reporting to Congress, as required, the protectiveness determination for the above-referenced OUs. EPA is also required to report annually to Congress on the progress made towards achieving and determining protectiveness on an annual basis and will look to the Air Force in providing progress updates for that purpose.

EPA reaffirms its commitments to working in partnership with the Air Force to expeditiously facilitate the cleanup at the Former Plattsburgh AFB Site in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. In keeping with that partnership, please make every effort to provide the agency sufficient time to offer timely reviews and support of the Air Force's cleanup efforts.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (212) 637-4390 or Bob Morse, Remedial Project Manager at (212) 637-4331.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter E. Mugdan".

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